

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

1 – 44. (CANCELED)

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin ~~part~~ and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and an elastically deflectable retainer part for retaining said hinge pin in said pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel; and

moving said panels toward each other in a direction substantially parallel to said guide tracks to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively, by elastically deflecting said retainer parts, respectively, said retainer parts being elastically restored to positions to retain said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including the step of:

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of said second panel with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said second panel between said guide tracks.

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 46 wherein:

the step of connecting said support brackets to said second panel comprises sliding said support brackets into engagement with said second panel at spaced apart bracket receiving tabs formed on structural members of said second panel, respectively.

48. (CANCELED)

49. (CANCELED)

50. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in Claim [[49]] 45 including the step of:

providing said other hinge plate to include a web part, spaced apart flanges secured to said web part and extending generally parallel to each other, and said retainer part comprising an elastically deflectable tab formed on each of said flanges, a pin receiving bore formed in each of said flanges and guide surfaces formed on each of said flanges for guiding opposed distal ends of said hinge pin into said pin receiving bores, respectively.

51. (CANCELED)

52. (CANCELED)

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including the step of:

providing said one hinge plate to include opposed parts engageable with said other hinge plate to prevent longitudinal displacement of said hinge plates relative to each other sufficient to disengage said hinge plates from each other in predetermined positions of said hinge plates with respect to each other.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including the step of:

providing said hinge pin integrally formed on said one hinge plate.

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and [[a]] an elastically deflectable pin retainer part adjacent to said pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel in a predetermined position;

placing a second panel adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel; and

moving said panels toward each other to connect said panels by ~~displacing~~ elastically deflecting said ~~retainers~~ retainer parts with said pins, respectively, ~~and registering to register~~

said pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively, and to retain said pins in said pin receiving bores with said retainer parts by elastically restoring said retainer parts to pin retaining positions, respectively.

56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 55 including the step of:

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of said second panel with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said second panel between said guide tracks.

57. (CANCELED)

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62. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part

and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

providing said other hinge plate to include at least one elastically deflectable finger defining in part a gap for receiving said hinge pin;

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving said panels toward each other to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively; and

deflecting said fingers to insert said hinge pins into said pin receiving bores, respectively, said fingers being elastically restorable to a position to retain said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores.

63. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and a ~~deflectable~~ retainer comprising an elastically deflectable tab formed on each of opposed flanges for retaining opposite ends of said hinge pin in said ~~bore~~ pin receiving bores, respectively, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving one of said panels toward the other of said panels to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores and retaining said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores in response to insertion of said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively; and

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of at least one of said panels with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said one panel between said guide tracks.

64. (CANCELED)

65. (CANCELED)

66. (NEW) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and a retainer comprising at least one elastically deflectable finger defining, in part, a gap for receiving said hinge pin, said at least one finger being elastically restorable to a position for retaining said hinge pin in said pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving one of said panels toward the other of said panels to connect said panels by deflecting said at least one finger of said hinge assemblies, respectively, to insert said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores and retaining said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores by said at least one finger, respectively, in response to insertion of said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively; and

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of at least one of said panels with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said one panel between said guide tracks.